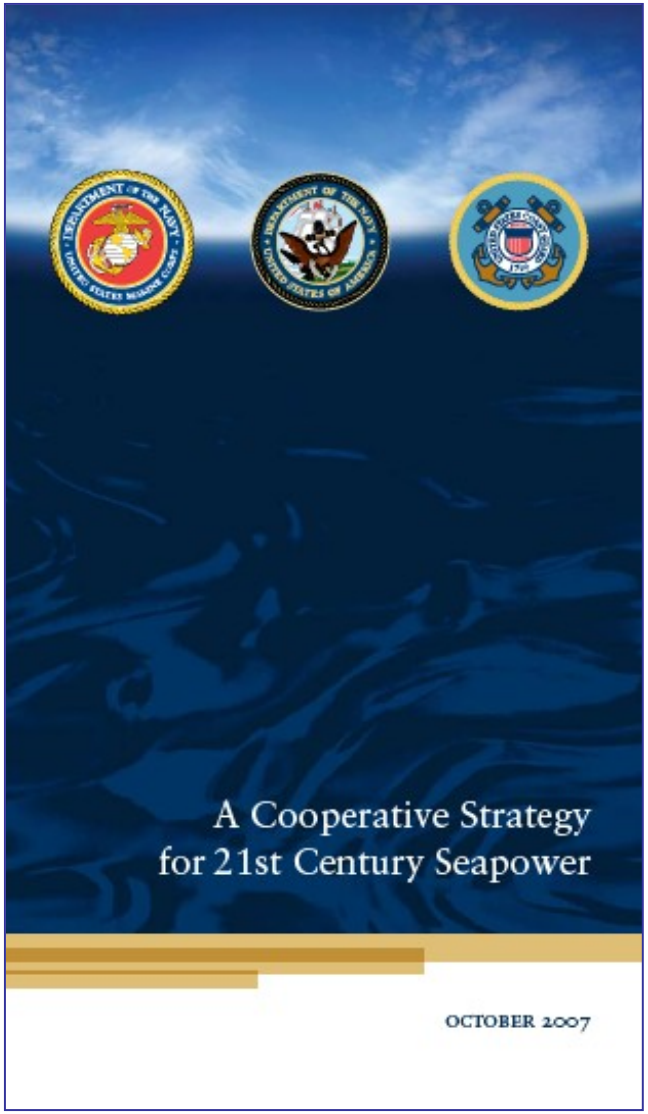

The New Maritime Strategy

Truth – the world we live in…

- **90% of the world's commerce travels by sea**
- **The vast majority of the world's population lives within a few hundred miles of the oceans**
- **Nearly three quarters of the planet is covered by water**

New Era – Needs a new Strategy

- **Global System**
  - **New Players**
  - **New Competition – Especially for Resources**
  - **New Rules of the Game**
  - **New Challenges and Dangers**
  - **New Organizing Principles**
  - **New Climate**
  - **New Goal: Multi-polarity and Stability**

Global System always in Transition – Unsettled, Potentially Dangerous

Crafting the Strategy

- All three Sea Services were involved, with the final document signed by the three Service Chiefs
- Developed in an open and inclusive manner, a true competition of ideas that cast a wide net.
  - The American Public was engaged through a series of Conversations with the Country and Executive Seminars
- Intellectually defensible process
- Strategy option development/gaming

"The American people want us to remain strong; they want us to protect them and our homeland, and they want us to work with partners around the world to prevent war."

- ADM

What's New in this Strategy?

- *We believe that Preventing War is as important as Winning Wars*
- Raises the importance of cooperative maritime relationships as the basis for global maritime security.
- Elevates Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief to core elements of maritime power.
  - We've always done this, but now we'll plan to do it
- Leverage all elements of national power - Diplomatic, Informational, Military, Economic; Joint, Interagency and NGO cooperation

Our challenge is to apply seapower in a manner that protects U.S. vital interests even as it promotes greater collective security, stability, and trust.

The Maritime Strategic Concept

- There is a global system of interdependence, critical to the prosperity of the American people and the greater global community.
  - The system is subject to a spectrum of disruption from major war to natural disasters
- Inherent characteristics of Maritime forces:
  - Expeditionary – off shore, sustainable, in the vast maneuver space of the sea.
  - Versatility – speed, flexibility, agility, scalable, integrated/combined/joint

Although our forces can surge when necessary to respond to crises, *trust and cooperation cannot be surged*.

Maritime Strategic Imperatives

Regionally Concentrated, Credible Combat Power

Deter major power war

Win our nation's wars

Limit regional conflict

Secure Our Homeland, Citizens, and Interests around the World

Contribute to homeland defense in depth

Foster & sustain cooperative relationships

Prevent or contain local disruptions

Globally Distributed, Mission-Tailored Maritime Forces

Core Elements of Maritime Power

Although the Sea Services conduct many missions, the following six capabilities comprise the **core of U.S. maritime power** and reflect an increase in emphasis on those activities that *prevent war and build partnerships*:

- **Forward Presence**
- **Deterrence**
- **Sea Control**
- **Power Projection**
- ***Maritime Security***
- ***Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response***

What's next?

Maritime Strategy

- Global system
  - Maritime forces protect the system
- "Preventing war as important as winning war."
- Strategic Imperatives
- Core elements of maritime power

Implementing documents

- NSP for POM-10, NOC 2008, CNOG

Questions?

A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower